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Bus Stop That is Too Far Away
Part Two

To readers who've been reading my books, hello!
And greetings to those who are reading
it for the first time as well!
Thank you so much for purchasing the book.
To be able to collect the works for this book,
it's all thanks to the help of the people
around me for the past year.

Even though the total amount of distance
covered to hand in the manuscript is a lot,
it still couldn't allow me to
go to Tokyo to play. What a waste...
The tempura restaurant, which not only serves
delicious food, also gives me extra things.
I swear I'd go there again next time
and that was my summer.

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and every reader out there.

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HM.
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY
YOU MAY LEAVE NOW
Ding... Dong...
ONE FRIED MISO BREAD, A RICE BURGER
AND TWO HAM SHRIMP CROQUETTE SAND-WICHES
I ALSO WANT A DOUGHNUT STUFFED WITH LAYERED RED BEAN PASTE AND STEAMED CHOCOLATE
AH AND STRAWBERRY MILK TOO!
ARI-CHAN CAN YOU EAT ALL THAT?
Obaa-chan, having miso and milk together's a little...
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE EATING THEM

*T/N obaa-chan - aunty

ARIE, WANNA HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER?
SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A RAIN CHECK
Ikushima's favourite. (Fried wasabi bread)
Da sh
Huh?
Ikushima-san seems off this morning.
YOU DON'T HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY REACTIONS WHEN THE BOTH OF US ARE TOGETHER?
What on earth did Nara-senpai say to him?
Did I say something I'm not supposed to?
He's suddenly curious about what I think of their relationship
Does he know about my relationship with Nara-senpai?

That look of anxiety
3-D
GRRR
ててて

GRUUUUU
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S HUNGRY.
HUH?
THAT KID'S NOT HERE YET?
AH THAT SECOND-YEAR WHO'S ALWAYS HERE
EVERY AFTER-NOON
DISRE-GARDING THE FACT THAT THIS IS A THIRD-YEAR'S CLASS-ROOM.
BAM
"Ikushima-saaan!"
HOLLERING THAT WHILE BARGING IN
IKUSHIMA
YEAH JUST LIKE THAT

SLIDE
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU
NARA-SHINO
YOU'RE ALONE?
Rumble
WANT TO EAT?
I'm going to the canteen though
AH YEAH

WHAT? HE WENT OUT?
huff
huff
huff
YEAH JUST A MOMENT AGO
I wonder who that is?
WITH A PERSON WEARING GLASSES
AH, I SEE
Limited!
FRIED MISO

I'M SORRY
HUH?
ABOUT ARIE
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T STAND HIM, HE'S STILL YOUR FRIEND I SHOULDN'T BADMOUTH HIM
AH...
THAT GUY'S SOCIABILITY IS JUST A CONDITIONED RESPONSE
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE LIKE THIS, YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE IMMUNITY AGAINST THAT TYPE OF PERSON
SAY... DO I SEEM LIKE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO'D EASILY LET MY GUARD DOWN AROUND PEOPLE WHO'RE SLIGHTLY KIND TOWARDS ME?
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

SEEING SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO'S ALWAYS ON YOUR OWN,
THAT GUY DEFINITELY WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE...
HENCE I COULDN'T HELP BUT TO WARN YOU.
SOMEONE WHO'S SPACING OUT LIKE AN IDIOT IN A CLASSROOM DURING LUNCH BREAK WILL BE EASILY DRAWN IN
THAT PERSON'S USING A SUPER-UNBEATABLE ADVANCED FRIENDSHIP TECHNIQUE
BUZZ
Return
Pat...
Pat...
?!

Pant...
IKUSHIMA-SAN
Pant...
Pant...
Change
Cling
aLang
ARIE
huuh?
huuh?
Fwsh!
LIMITED FRIED MISO BREAD!
I'VE BOUGHT IT!
IF YOU DON'T EAT IT NOW...
GRAB

RUNNING AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!
LUNCH WILL BE OVER SOON!!
ST-
STOP, ARIE!
Rustle Rustle
He came from the class-room?
In the past too
He dragged me like this

ARIIE.....
Pant
Pant
Thump Thump
Just now I was still feeling down.
now I'm happy.
ARIIE
A-

WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD FROM NARA-SENPAI?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Again about Narashi-no?
ERM, ANYTHING ABOUT ME OR SOME-THING...
YOU MEAN ABOUT YOU BEING SUSPICIOUS FOR TRYING TO BE IN EVERYBODY'S GOOD GRACES?
!!
Did he run to me in panic because he's afraid of what that guy will say?

!!!
OR IS IT ABOUT SOMETHING WE BOTH HAVE OVER HIM AS BLACKMAIL?
H-HE TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT TOO, IKUSHIMA-SAN...?
He never loses his cool when it comes to me...
Being all flustered like that
Eh?!
I-
Is it because I've fallen for him
that he's so relieved?
IKU.

SEEING SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO IS ALWAYS ON YOUR OWN, THAT GUY DEFINITELY WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE..
IKU-SHIMA-...SAN?
Wait a minute.
PUSH
Ah!
Perhaps...
Since I've fallen in love,
He's no longer passionate about me?!

I KNEW IT! SENPAI TOLD YOU SOMETHING, DIDN'T HE?
IT'S NOTHING...
BUT IKUSHIMA-SAN'S SUSPICIOUS OF ME
Is that why even though I'm with Narashino
he doesn't feel anything at all?
THAT'S CAUSE
AH, SEE! YOU DON'T EVEN DARE TO LOOK AT ME IN THE EYES.
No matter if it's them
Good morning
Arigatou
or them
he treats everybody the same
Arigatou I've some sweets.
I only realized this now
I don't want that.
Hard to accept
SORRY, ONLY THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME
IKU-SHIMA-SAN!

Why am I suspicious of Arlie
when he treats me the same as always?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

YOU TOLD IKUSHIMA-SAN SOME UNNECESSARY THINGS RIGHT?
HUH?
HOW RARE OF YOU
TO LOOK FOR ME...
How did he find out?
ABOUT YOUR PART-TIME JOB!
YOU'RE ALWAYS MAD WHENEVER YOU SEE ME!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
UNLIKE SOMEONE, HE WON'T THREATEN ANYBODY!
I KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT TOO
HMMMM
...YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYBODY
ABOUT YOU SECRETLY WORKING PART-TIME
Ckk!
...SO WHAT?!

EVEN IF I KEPT QUIET ONCE IT'S OUT WE'D BOTH BE IN TROUBLE.
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
ARE YOU THREATENING ME...?!
EEP!
STOMP
STOMP
AH, I'M JUST BEING SELFISH ANYWAY!
I'M JUST A BASTARD WHO DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE BUT ME.
I GET IT! I'LL JUST DROP IT!!
IN EXCHANGE...
PLEASE DON'T CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE FOR IKUSHIMA-SAN!

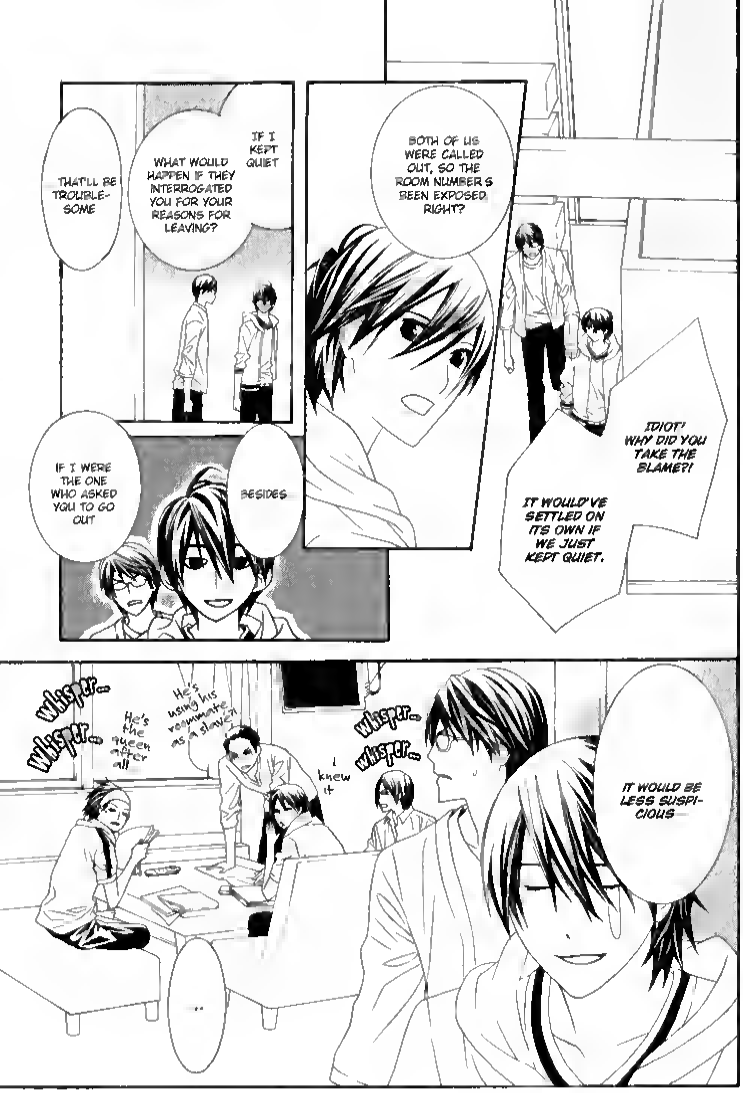
YOU CAME HERE TO SAY SOMETHING SO PETTY?
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO DO SO WITHOUT HAVING YOU TELL ME
Ugh.
Urgh.
Uh.
I'M SO LAME!
Then does this mean that I'm only here to take out my anger on him?!

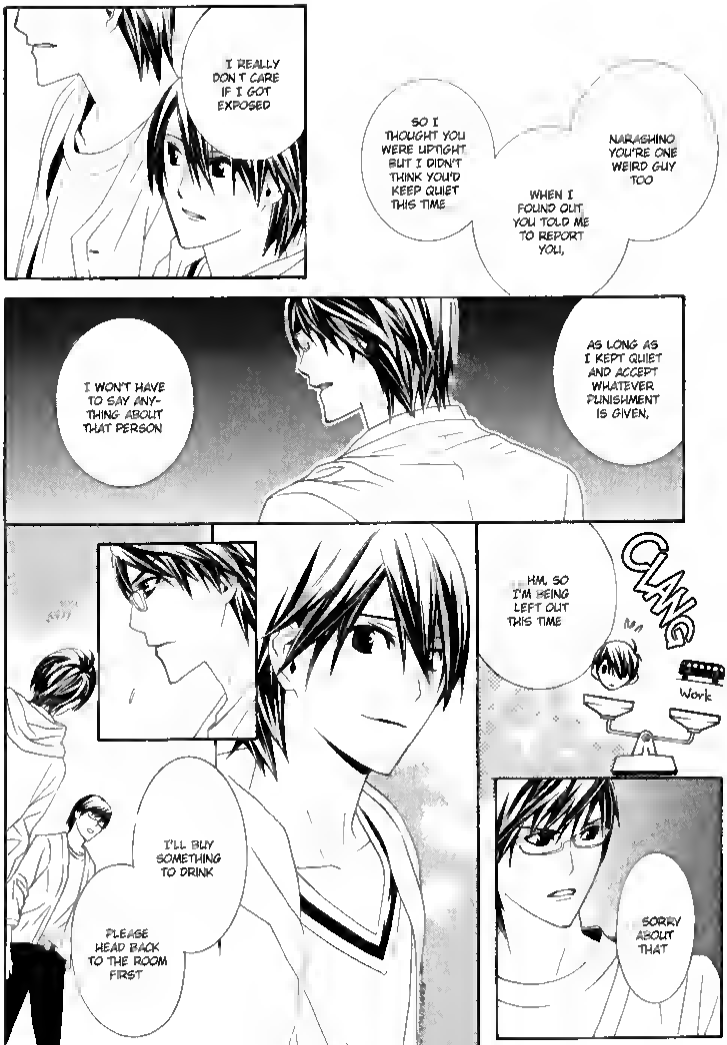
Disregarding what senpai said about me
the one who's causing this situation with Ikushima-san
is me.
Is it too late for regrets now?
I wonder what he is thinking?
He doesn't hate me, right?

Nng...
IKUSHIMA
IKU-SHIMA
Ugh... Ugh...
I'VE CONQUERED HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN!
There's my next target!
Ahhh!
SORRY

WHAT HAPPENED?
I HEARD SOMEONE RAN AWAY FROM THE DORM LAST NIGHT...
SOMEONE CLOSE BY SAW HIM.
CHE!
...I was too careless I didn't check thoroughly before I left last night...
Luckily Ikushima was sleeping. So he wasn't involved
I'll just pretend I don't know anything and that they've mistaken me for someone else instead...
I'M REALLY SORRY!

I WAS THE ONE WHO LET NARASHINO OUT
?!
IKU-
WHAT'S THIS? GOING OUT TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE AGAIN?
THOUGH I DON'T EXPECT STUDENTS TO OBEY EVERY RULE IN THE DORM,
BUT THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT
The PTA's making a fuss too.
SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST OFFENSE BOTH OF YOU WILL WRITE A LETTER OF REPENTANCE AND YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE WHOLE DAY
BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME
YES, WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW.


IDIOT! WHY DID YOU TAKE THE BLAME?!
IT WOULD'VE SETTLED ON ITS OWN IF WE JUST KEPT QUIET.
BOTH OF US WERE CALLED OUT, SO THE ROOM NUMBER'S BEEN EXPOSED, RIGHT?
IF I KEPT QUIET
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY INTERROGATED YOU FOR YOUR REASONS FOR LEAVING?
THAT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME
BESIDES
IF I WERE THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO GO OUT
IT WOULD BE LESS SUSPI-CIOUS
whisper...
whisper...
He's the queen after all
He's using his roommate as a slave?
whisper...
whisper...
I knew it
...


I REALLY DON'T CARE IF I GOT EXPOSED
SO I THOUGHT YOU WERE UPTIGHT BUT I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D KEEP QUIET THIS TIME
WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU TOLD ME TO REPORT YOU,
NARAGHINO YOU'RE ONE WEIRD GUY TOO
I WON'T HAVE TO SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THAT PERSON
AS LONG AS I KEPT QUIET AND ACCEPT WHATEVER PUNISHMENT IS GIVEN,
CLANG
Work
HM, SO I'M BEING LEFT OUT THIS TIME
SORRY ABOUT THAT
I'LL BUY SOMETHING TO DRINK
PLEASE HEAD BACK TO THE ROOM FIRST

ARIE...
That's good
I envy him.
He's able to clearly distinguish
what's more important to him and what's insignificant
It'd be great if I could clearly understand Arie's feelings like that...
Twist

CLATTER
NARA?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I HEARD YOU LET NARA-SENPAI LEAVE THE DORM.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT?
...Thump!
...Is Arite
angry?
WHERE'S NARA-SENPAI?

I KNEW ABOUT HIS SITUATION,
AND BESIDES, HE'S MY ROOMMATE.
Me? Why?
BUT WHY ARE YOU COVERING FOR HIM?
I BET SOMEBODY SAW NARA-SENPAI LEAVING FOR HIS PART-TIME JOB,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM.
HE'S JUST DOING WHAT HE LIKES.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIM.
HE PROMISED ME HE WOULDN'T CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE.
DAMN HIM.
WHY
ARE YOU HERE?
BEFORE THIS, YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT WHO I WAS WITH
YOU WERE EVEN HAPPILY SMILING TOO.

If you're this mad...
Why weren't you like that when I was with Narashino?
NARASHINO'S MY ROOMMATE, AND SOMEONE LIKE YOU,
WHO'S NOT EVEN LIVING IN THE DORM, SHOULD JUST BUTT OUT!
I...
YOU WEREN'T EVEN ON SPEAKING TERMS BEFORE THIS,
BUT NOW YOU'RE RATHER CONCERNED ABOUT HIM
—YEAH.
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM YOU, WHO'S SOCIABLE WITH EVERYBODY
WITH HIM, I FINALLY FOUND SOMEBODY WHO I CAN POUR MY HEART OUT TO
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?! DON'T YOU HAVE ME?!

EVEN IF IT'S NOT ME YOU'D STILL HAVE LOADS OF PEOPLE OUT THERE FOR YOU RIGHT?
YOU ONLY GOT CLOSE TO ME
BECAUSE YOU FOUND ME RATHER INTERESTING
ONCE YOU'RE BORED OF ME, YOU'D THROW ME ASIDE. I DON'T LIKE THAT!
It's hard to find someone willing to be by my side
So why am I feeling so suspicious of him?

Grab
became so greedy
WHEN
HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU I'VE LOST INTEREST?

CHAPTER
THUD
...UGH...
IF YOU HATE ME 'CAUSE OF WHAT NARA-SENPAI SAID,
THEN THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

IF YOU WOULD RATHER STAY WITH NARA-SENPAI THAN WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME
WHO KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESS THEN THAT'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE HELPED
BUT,
SUGGESTING THAT I DON'T APPRECIATE YOU ANY-MORE...
THAT IS SOMETHING I CAN'T ENDURE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO
TO MAKE YOU UNDER-STAND?
KIRIN

I CAUSED IKUSHIMA TROUBLE IN THE END
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO STOP WORKING FOR NOW...
ADDRESS BOOK
Saihoku Bus Garage
Flick Flick
INCOMING
Saihoku Bus Garage
ARHE.
YOU'RE HURTING ME...
...YES?
WHAT?!
...THUD THUD THUD
Rattle

CLATTER
CLATTER
RUMP
RUMP

SENPAI!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
Arile...
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM...
I'VE GOT TO GO!
SENPAI!!

WE'LL CONTINUE THIS
WHEN I GET BACK
-ARI-
YOU!
LETS GO!
IT'S BETTER TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO'S NOT FROM THE DORMS WITH YOU TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE

Seihoku Hospital
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
NIWA?
IT'S HORRIBLE THE KID CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
I WANTED TO AVOID HIM SO I TURNED THE WHEEL BUT ENDED UP CRASHING INTO THE CURB INSTEAD
I'M JUST LUCKY IT WAS A HOUSING AREA, SO I WAS DRIVING SLOWLY. I DIDN'T CRASH INTO ANYBODY
I SEE...
YOU CAME HERE JUST FOR THIS?

Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep
HELLO? IS THIS ARIIE?
I'M OVER AT THE DORM RIGHT NOW AND IT SEEMS IKUSHIMA'S IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE.
Ikushima-san!!
I'M ASKING YOU, WHERE DID NARASHINO GO? HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN HOUSE ARREST.
IT'S WAY PAST CURFEW.
SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU NOT TO REALISE ANYTHING AS HIS ROOM-MATE

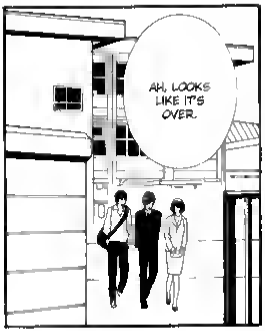
ARIIE
WHERE'S IKUSHIMA?
YOU WANT ME TO SPILL THE BEANS ON NARASHINO?
TO BETRAY SOMEONE WHO STARTS AND ENDS THE DAY TOGETHER WITH ME?
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!
IT'S NOT THAT SERIOUS...
IF YOU COME CLEAN, WE WON'T QUESTION YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
YOU ALSO DON'T WANT TO BE DRAGGED DOWN BY YOUR ROOMMATE'S MISCONDUCT, RIGHT?

CLATTER
THE STUDENT WHO'S MISSING...
BY TELLING YOU EVERYTHING, EVERYBODY IN THE DORM WILL HATE ME FOR IT.
IF NARASHINO'S GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT, THEN I SHOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE SAME OFFENSE TOO
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU ON OUR PUNISHMENT.
AH, PLEASE WAIT!
IKUSHIMA-SAN...

WA-WAIT UP, IKUSHIMA-SAN?!
Pats
NIWA
I'M JUST
TAKING A LEAF OUT OF YOUR BOOK

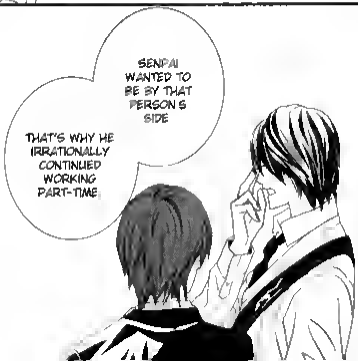
AH...
...
...SORRY, I LIED.
I AM SORRY.
AH! NARA-SHINO?!

FOR ALL THE TROUBLES MY NEPHEW CAUSED
DING
DONG
IKU-SHIMA-SAN!
HOW'S NARASHINO?
STILL WITH THE PRINCIPAL

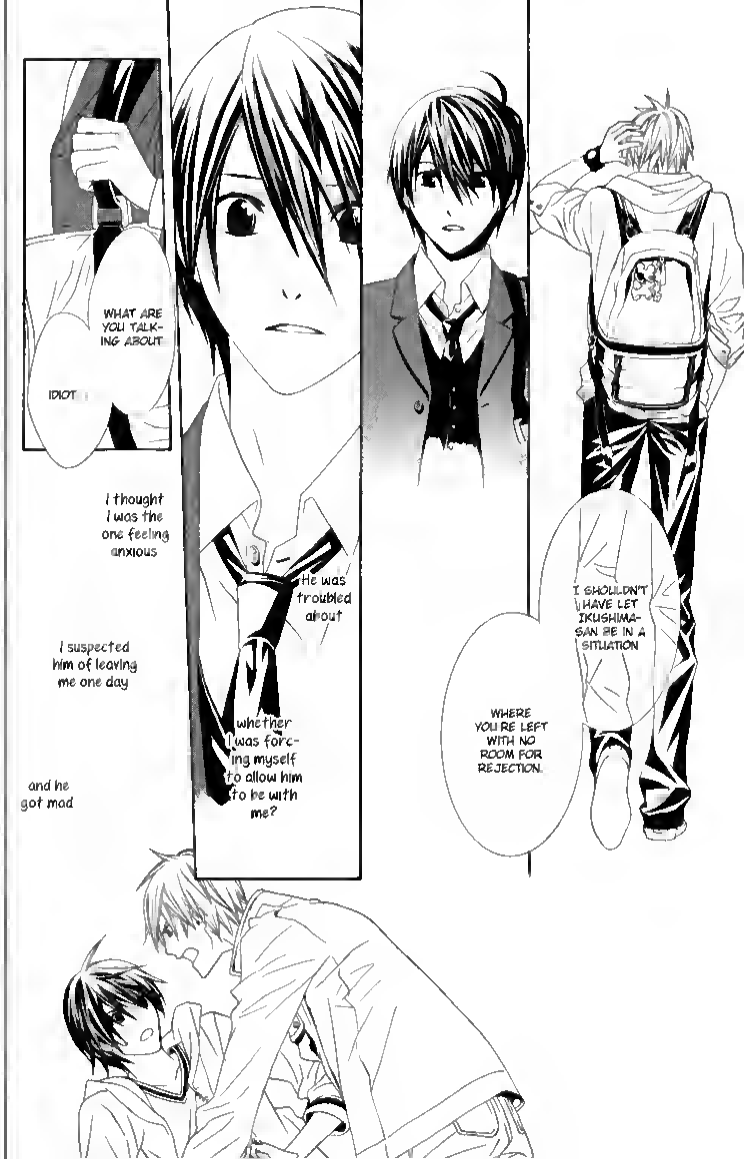

AH, LOOKS LIKE IT'S OVER.

HE TOLD YOU ALL THAT?
NO. IT'S JUST MY GUILT FEELING

HE KEPT QUIET ABOUT IT BECAUSE SENPAI DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE HIM ANY TROUBLE.


SENPAI WANTED TO BE BY THAT PERSON'S SIDE
THAT'S WHY HE IRRATIONALLY CONTINUED WORKING PART-TIME.

IF HE LIKES THAT PERSON THEN WHY IS HE HIDING HIS FEELINGS?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF HIM AT ALL
IF IT WERE ME I WOULDN'T KEEP QUIET
BUT THANKS TO HIM, I'VE REGRETTED MY ACTIONS
ONCE I LIKE SOMEONE I'D WANT TO BE WITH THAT PERSON


I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET IKUSHIMA-SAN BE IN A SITUATION
WHERE YOU'RE LEFT WITH NO ROOM FOR REJECTION.
He was troubled about
whether I was forc-ing myself to allow him to be with me?
I thought I was the one feeling anxious
I suspected him of leaving me one day
and he got mad
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT
IDIOT!

Even though we like someone, we'd still be mistrusted no matter who...
Even if that person's most important to us.
ARIIE!

IKU-
SORRY
I WAS ONLY THINK-ING ABOUT MYSELF
I ONLY WANTED TO BE WITH YOU LIKE THIS
BUT I NEVER REALLY UNDER-STOOD YOUR FEELINGS
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THAT"?
I WANTED TO BE TREATED SPECIALLY BY YOU
I WISHED YOU WERE A LITTLE MORE JEALOUS.

Once I said it out loud it felt rather childish
for such a thing to cause so much anxiety between us
IKU-SHIMA-SAN
Chu
...!
YOU'RE SUCH A KID.
IKUSHIMA-SAN
I'M GLAD TO KNOW WHAT IKUSHIMA-SAN WANTS FROM ME
SO WHY ARE YOU APOLO-GISING?

DOESN'T THAT JUST MEAN
THAT YOU LIKE ME?
THEN ARE
YOU BETTER NOT SAY YOU REGRET IT, OKAY?
SINCE I WILLINGLY COMMIT TO BE WITH YOU
OKAY